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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 78

Introduced by Assembly Member Members Logue and Pan
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Dickinson and Patterson)

August 19, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 78—Relative to Hmong History Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 78, as amended, Logue. Hmong History Month.

This measure would recognize ~~August~~ *September* 2013 as Hmong History Month, urge all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of the Hmong people during Hmong History Month, and encourage the people of California to recognize the many talents, achievements, and contributions that the Hmong people make to their communities.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The history of the Hmong people here in the United
2 States, as well as throughout the ages, is indeed unique and vibrant,
3 and it is appropriate to celebrate this history during the month of
4 ~~August~~ *September* 2013, which has been recognized as Hmong
5 History Month; and

6 WHEREAS, The Lao-Hmong, or free people, are greatly
7 respected and admired for their dedicated service and valiant
8 support of the United States Armed Forces and its allies during
9 the Vietnam war; and

1 WHEREAS, Many Lao-Hmong served in the “Secret Army,”
2 which was funded by the CIA and included Special Guerilla units
3 and other Special Forces, to thwart the Pathet Lao and North
4 Vietnamese Army in Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand from 1960 to
5 1975; and

6 WHEREAS, The members of this Laotian hill tribe are known
7 for their warrior traditions, loyalty, and bravery, as evidenced by
8 their contributions to guarding United States personnel and Air
9 Force radar installations, gathering critical intelligence on enemy
10 movement and operations, performing rescue missions to save
11 downed United States pilots, and fighting in conventional and
12 guerilla combat against overwhelming forces, including several
13 North Vietnamese divisions, to disrupt the flow of troops and
14 supplies along the Ho Chi Minh Trail; and

15 WHEREAS, A conservative estimate of over 35,000 brave
16 Lao-Hmong men, women, and children lost their lives; more than
17 50,000 were wounded; and more than 2,500 are missing in action;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, These numbers do not include the devastating loss
20 of 30,000 lives when the Lao-Hmong fell victim to retributive
21 ethnic cleansing starting in 1975 and continuing to this day, nor
22 the thousands forced into reeducation camps or who perished
23 attempting to cross the Mekong River into Thailand; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to the devastation to their homes and
25 way of life, thousands of Lao-Hmong soldiers and their families
26 became a countryless people when they commenced their perilous
27 flight to seek safe refuge in other countries, such as Argentina,
28 Canada, China, France, Japan, New Zealand, and the United
29 States—a mass exodus that continues to this day; and

30 WHEREAS, The Lao-Hmong’s heroic and significant
31 contributions to the United States during their fighting efforts in
32 Laos and the positive influence they have since had upon the
33 American way of life will not be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature takes great pleasure in
36 recognizing ~~August~~ September 2013 as Hmong History Month,
37 extends deep appreciation to the Hmong men, women, and children
38 who served the United States with loyalty and bravery, urges all
39 citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of the Hmong
40 people during Hmong History Month, and encourages the people

1 of California to recognize the many talents, achievements, and
2 contributions that the Hmong people make to our communities;
3 and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
5 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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